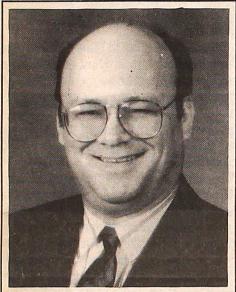
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# City Lawsuit Against EDS Spawns New Citizens Group



City Councilman Pete Bergeron's recent letter to Romulus residents urged a settlement to the City's lawsuit against EDS.

By Kristi Stephens

Several Romulus residents who believe that the City of Romulus is wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars by pursuing a lawsuit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), and who have grave concerns about a number of other issues facing the City of Romulus in the upcoming months and years, have formed a group called VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending) – an organization of Romulus taxpayers determined to address the issue of inefficient spending of local tax dollars.

VOTES is not a political organization, according to the group's chairperson, Dolores Witzgall of Romulus.

Recently, VOTES requested Romulus City Councilman Noah "Pete" Bergeron to write a letter to the citizens of Romulus, asking for support to end the City's lawsuit against the EDS well project.

The response to Bergeron's request, said Witzgall, has been truly impressive.

"In a matter of only a few days, VOTES has already received 338 replies from Romulus residents," Witzgall said. "By an overwhelming majority of ten to one, the citizens' replies have called upon City Council to settle the dispute with EDS outside the count room."

Among the comments received from these Romulus taxpayers were:

- "Right on About Time"
- "Finally, the silent majority speaks!"
- "We urge the council to drop this legal action!"
- "I agree not another dime of tax money to fight this protest!"
- "End this nonsense soon, or this taxpayer will be paying taxes in another state!"

"Please stop this wasteful nonsense!"
 Witzgall said that the fledgling group
 was thrilled to receive such quick, strong
 response to its mailing.

"It was wonderful to confirm what we already know – namely, that the majority of Romulus residents are outraged by this abuse of their tax dollars. Two different telephone surveys commissioned by EDS and prepared by an independent research firm (Moore and Associates) showed that a majority of voters are in favor of settling the lawsuit.

"It only makes sense," she concluded. "People are asking, 'How can the City afford to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on fancy lawyers when it can't even afford to fix the potholes in our roads?' You don't throw money down the drain on a lawsuit that you probably can't win when the everyday needs of the community are not being met."

VOTES believes that the citizens of Romulus are sending a clear and positive message to the elected officials of Romulus, who will be making the decisions concerning the EDS lawsuit.

"Only days remain before the April 4 court date set by Circuit Court Judge Claudia House Morcom," Witzgall warned. "Negotiate a settlement with EDS NOW!"

In the future, Witzgall noted, VOTES will be looking into other issues of concern to residents, including other lawsuits involving our city, the tax-increase proposal for an Environmental Protection Fund, and fixing Romulus roads. Preliminary discussions on these and other topics have already begun at VOTES meetings.

For more information about VOTES and its goals, please contact Witzgall (942-0002) or the Group's secretary, Janice Coulson (941-1601).

#### Plan Now To Party in the Parks

The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting park reservations for the 1994 summer season.

Any individuals or organizations that are interested in reserving park space for their special event may contact the Recreation Department office (942-6852) for further information.

City parks include Elmer Johnson, Kennedy, Park #1, Merriman, Cordell, Fernandez, Cypress, Historic, Senior Park, and the Urban Renewal Area Tot Lot. □

#### Speech Competition Reveals Youngsters' Dreams

By Brandon Olson

When a contestant said, "When I grow up . . ." during the recent McDonald's speech competition, it meant something to the parents who were in the audience. Everyone listened carefully to the children's dreams and aspirations.

Romulus schools taking part in the contest were Barth and Cory.

First-round winners were: Ashley Sloan and Dayna Dawson from Cory, and Brandon Olson and Jennifer Collins from Barth.

The second round was held in the music room at Barth. The winners were: Ashley Sloan from Cory and Jennifer Collins from Barth.

Ashley Sloan's dream was to be a world-class figure skater and maybe someday make it to the Olympics.

Jennifer Collins also had a dream, but her dream involved helping handicapped students fulfill dreams of their

Judges for the second competition were Mr. Ed Clark, Mr. Claude Siders, and Mr. Art McPharlin.



(Left to right): Jennifer Collins, Barth Elementary School; Judy Bowers, McDonald's spokesperson; and Ashley Sloan, Cory Elementary School.

# Free Concert Celebrates "Music in our Schools" Month

By Judith Thompson, choir teacher, Romulus Community Schools

During the month of March, the Romulus school district celebrates Music in our Schools Month. This is the month set aside to remember how fortunate our school district is to continue offering general and vocal music classes to our students in Romulus. While many school districts in Michigan have cut arts programs within their curriculum, Romulus has maintained its general music instruction for all elementary schools from grades one through six uninterrupted since 1984. As a result of this, our students have been exposed to American history and world cultures through folk melodies, the classics, music theory, the joy of singing in tune, and the opportunity to perform, thereby improving their selfconcept. General music classes are important pieces of the puzzle that lead to the general knowledge of every student.

Vocal music has produced eight choirs in Romulus: each of the five elementary schools has a fifth- and sixth-grade chorus; the Middle School now has an eighth-grade chorus – its first in 10 years; the High School offers choir to students in ninth through twelfth grades; and the newly formed Honors Choir – a special, Districtwide choir for fifth-through eighth-graders who already have some choir experience – is enjoying a successful first year.

On Tuesday, March 29, an All-District Festival Sing will celebrate music in our schools with a "Music for Good Measure" theme. All eight Romulus choirs will perform.

The general public is invited to attend this free concert in the High School auditorium. The one-hour program is set to begin at 7 p.m.  $\square$ 

# In the Editors' Opinion . . .

#### Citizens Urged To Contact Their City Councilmen in Last-ditch Effort To Avert Lose-Lose Situation Created by Well Lawsuit

By Evelyn Atkins and Kristi Stephens

On April 4, 1994, the trial between the City of Romulus and Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS)—the company which has constructed, and proposes to operate, a hazardous-waste injection well near the intersection of Wahrman and Northline — will begin.

At that time, a generous settlement offer proposed by EDS will be forever withdrawn, and the City will lose its last chance to gain a multitude of benefits from something that will almost surely become a reality in any case. Elements of this proposal to the City include:

- substantial, attractive property development and landscaping that would enormously increase the value of the site itself as well as surrounding property and, therefore, result in a dramatic increase in the amount of property-tax money paid to both the City and the School District;
- a royalty equal to a percentage of the gross revenues generated from the well's operation – to be paid to the City annually, above and beyond any monies paid in taxes;
- the formation of a Community Development Committee—to be composed of one representative from EDS and one representative from each of several local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce which would, among other duties, review all environmental monitoring data required as part of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) permits and licenses;
- establishment of a single transportation route to be used by all trucks traveling to EDS, insuring that wastehaulers stay away from predominantly residential areas and, especially, our schools (a factor which is of prime concern to the Romulus school district, according to a recent letter from Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, to Mayor Beverly McAnally);
- employment and training opportunities for Romulus residents;
- co-sponsorship of a Romulus Community Education Foundation for the purpose of funding science and environmental programs, workshops, field trips, and projects for neighborhood schools; and
- a commitment to work with the Community Development Committe to encourage development of training programs at such facilities as Wayne County Community College (WCCC), and to set up in-service training and skills-development course work for WCCC students at the deep-well facility.

This editorial is a last-ditch effort – a plea, if you will – to prevent the lawsuit from going to trial and, therefore, permanently closing the door on a great many benefits to the citizens of Romulus.

The reason to settle this matter out of court is simple: The City doesn't have a snowball's chance in Hawaii of winning its case. Although many well opponents have implied that EDS used "backdoor tactics" to come into the City, the fact is that State officials and lawmakers are all in agreement on one point: EDS has followed the letter of the law in all of the long process involved in getting permission from the MDNR and EPA to construct and operate a hazardous-waste well. Moreover, the City has, since 1990, been kept fully informed about the progress of the well project, and was notified well in advance that the well would be drilled. The City's lawsuit isn't based on any of the multitude of legally irrelevant issues that well opponents have repeatedly dragged before City Council. It is based on zoning - nothing more.

Specifically, the City of Romulus is maintaining that the EDS well has been dug on a site that, according to City ordinances, is not properly zoned for its operation. Further, the City contends that EDS should have approached the Planning Commission and Zoning Board with its plans before going ahead with any work.

But EDS argues that its activity in constructing and operating the well is not governed by City ordinance; rather, it contends that State and Federal regulations preempt the City's authority in this matter. Especially damning is the fact that—in his communications with various City officials over the course of two years—the City's own attorney, Barry Seifman, concurred with this belief that State law preempts Local authority in such cases.

Further, EDS maintains that, even if Local zoning was a relevant issue, operation of the well still would be proper under the City's zoning designation for that site. Again, it is one of the City's own employees (in this case, former Community Development Director Dennis Oakes) who most effectively undermines the City's position.

In his sworn affidavit dated January 17, 1994, Oakes stated, "I have been advised that (Building Department director) David Paul has recently filed an affidavit with the Wayne County Circuit Court in which he takes the position that the well is not a permitted use in the M-1 zoning District under the Romulus Zoning Ordinance, but that, rather, it is permitted in the MT-2 District During the period of my employ with the City of Romulus, the City never took that posi-

tion. On the contrary, although we did not spend a great deal of time on the zoning question, because it was our belief that the City was preempted from imposing its use classifications on the well, it was and remains my opinion that the land selected by EDS is properly zoned for the well: that the M-1 District is the appropriate district for the well, that the proposed well would be closest in character to the uses specifically referred to and permitted in the M-1 District, and its activities would in fact have substantially less external impact from a land use standpoint than many of the listed permitted uses in the M-1 District. The belief that the property which EDS selected for the construction of the well, which was zoned M-1, was properly zoned for the proposed well was not just mine, but, as far as I know, was shared by everyone in the administration of the City of Romulus who was involved in this matter."

Oakes further testified that, at a meeting with EDS at City Hall in late 1990 or early 1991, "(David) Paul stated that the M-1 zoning classification was

proper for the proposed well, but that it was his opinion that some type of structure would probably have to be erected over the well head."

Oakes went on to state, "During the entire period of my employ, no one in the administration ever suggested that the property was not properly zoned. Moreover, it is my opinion that the MT-2 District is clearly not the appropriate district for the proposed well. The MT-2 zoning classification is for areas along the I-94 freeway in the vicinity of Metropolitan Airport, and was designed to provide land for truck terminals and warehouses, uses which are appropriate in the vicinity of major freeways and airports. Moreover, neither Mr. Paul nor anyone else in the administration ever suggested that deep injection wells were permitted in the MT-2 District, or that the MT-2 District was the appropriate place for such use."

Since EDS' case appears so unbelievably strong, why has the City spent an estimated \$200,000 on a lawsuit that it can't win – especially when, by taking continued on page 3

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the matter to court instead of trying to negotiate a settlement that would be of benefit to both the City and EDS, it is throwing away a chance to enjoy the numerous benefits offered by EDS? The best choice between the alternatives of compromise (with its resulting benefits) and a trial decision (with its resulting loss of benefits) seems obvious to us.

But even if the City's expensive attorneys and "expert" witnesses pulled off the improbable, and won their suit – what then? Have well opponents in general – and the City Council in particular – considered what the consequences of winning that suit would be?

It's obvious, isn't it? EDS isn't going to sit back and take a multi-million-dollar loss quietly. They'll appeal the verdict up through the court system, and the City will continue to pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars more to fight the appeals for years to come. Or, EDS may countersue, of course – and if they win (and they surely would), the cost of repaying their investment would literally bankrupt our city.

In other words, even if we win, we lose.

To those of you out there who have told us that you "won't put a pricetag on the health and safety of your family," we urge you to think again: That's exactly what you will be doing by forcing our City to use its limited revenue to pay legal fees and restitution awards instead of police salaries, costs for fire and emergency-medical equipment, and the upkeep required to keep our roads safe. Unfortunately, the City already has been forced to dream up some "creative" ways of raising additional revenue (like the one-percent "administrative fee" that's been tacked onto our tax bills since the summer of 1992) to cover its existing, everyday costs. We simply cannot afford to waste money and turn down additional sources of revenue when we are so desperately in need of the most basic

This point is perhaps best illustrated by a statement made by Mayor Beverly McAnally at a recent Council meeting when the subject of the poor condition of various roads came up.

"We get gas and weight tax from the State for roads," said McAnally. "We don't get enough, that's all. For years and years and years, we have subsidized the local street fund from the general fund, to the tune of about \$200,000 a year. We don't have it this year, and the roads all over this town are falling to pieces, and it just makes me sick to drive down it and think of the money we've invested in it and we can't keep 'em up. But we don't have it; we're not going to be able to put general-fund money in it to the degree that we have in the past."

Well opponents say that those of us urging them to settle this issue with EDS are trying to deny them their right to challenge government and insure that its workings truly reflect the "voice of the people." Nothing could be further from the truth. Anyone who is more than superficially acquainted with either one of

us knows that we are, if anything, zealously patriotic Americans who would defend to the bitter end a citizen's civil liberties – especially his/her right to keep the government process working in our best interests by challenging it when he/ she disagrees with its dictates.

But what some people conveniently forget is that exercising freedom is a responsibility as well as a privilege, and part of that responsibility involves making an effort to stay informed. The time to have challenged this well issue was three years ago, before EDS had invested more than two million dollars of its investors' funds. Information about the proposed project appeared in The Romulus News, The Romulus Roman, and The Detroit News - in other words, in almost every newspaper with major circulation in the City of Romulus. Those people who claim that they didn't know about the well project until it was too late weren't keeping up with the responsibility that goes hand-in-hand with being citizens involved in shaping our community and our government. They're like the people (and we all know at least one or two) who constantly gripe about what various elected officials are doing, but can't be bothered to vote.

For three years, City Council's failure to give any indication of an intention to move against EDS – as well as factors like the City attorney's opinions acknowledging State preemption, and the granting of certain building permits – combined to give a tacit consent to EDS and its activities. Consent to conduct business was also implicit in the fact that, during that same time, the residents of Romulus made no protest about the well, either

Doesn't it seem a little unfair to punish a company that has followed the rules, just because those who might have been in opposition to the EDS project neglected their responsibility for three years?

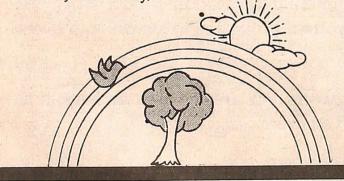
Remember: EDS says that all bets are off if this lawsuit goes to trial on April 4. Between now and then, there is only one City Council meeting, which will be held on Monday, March 28. We strongly urge everyone who agrees that this insane waste of money must stop to call all your city councilmen and express your concern about what we stand to lose.

Make them aware that you want them to vote, at the March 28 meeting, to seek a settlement with EDS rather than continue with this "lose-lose" situation.

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#### Letter to the Editor

#### **Resident Appreciates Oakbrook's Staff**

Dear Editor:

I would like to take the time to express my great gratitude to the Manager and Staff of the Oakbrook Townhouses in Romulus.

I had lived there for the past four years with my wife and children prior to buying a home.

I know that most people only write complaint letters about where they live, work, or eat, but I feel that the time and money that the Formidable Group has put into the complex and the quick response to problems by the maintenance staff and the great responsibility of the

manager over such a large complex need and deserve a great deal of credit, and need to be recognized!

Thank you,

K. J. Landstrom, Romulus

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April 1, 1994

March 23, 1994

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO ROMULUS CITY HALL-MAYOR McANALLY AND THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am a Romulus resident and taxpayer; a mother of four children and a registered nurse.

Why aren't you being square with the citizens of Romulus?

Why aren't you telling us how much has been spent so far for the well suit?

Is it true that the \$100,000 you initially appropriated has already been spent?

Is it true that in a closed meeting and without any public discussion you have agreed to appropriate an additional \$140,000 for the lawsuit?

Where is the \$140,000 going to come from? At the March 7 Council meeting, the Mayor said the City didn't even have money to maintain our streets. Where will the money be found in the City's budget, and what services will be reduced or eliminated to come up with the money?

Why aren't you letting your employers, the people of the City, in on your discussions about the costs of the suit and budgeting decisions before you make these decisions?

Why do you insult our intelligence and try to flim-flam us with fancy language about additional millage for an "environmental protection fund", when everyone knows you are proposing to increase our taxes for the lawsuit?

The taxpayers and citizens of Romulus still have not received answers.

We have the right to know how you are spending our money. It is time to stop operating in the dark. You have a duty to keep us informed. I call on you to give the public the answers to these questions no later than the March 28 Council meeting.

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# Romulus Profile: Mary King

By Tom Shamanski

If you mention bowling to Mary King, you're almost certain to see a spreading smile and twinkling eyes light up her face as she begins talking about the sport. From 1950 to 1964, the Detroit-born King was a semi-professional bowler, linked with a professional traveling league. With a 170-pin average, she was what is called a "spot" bowler – her somewhat-lowerthan-usual pin average, thereby giving her team a larger handicap.

"I started bowling when I was 12," said King recently. "Later, when I was in the semi-pro league and bowling with people whose averages were in the 190s, I was still able to be a vital contributor to the team as a spot bowler – but I sure wasn't an 'all-time great' bowler!"

Similarly, if you mention Romulus Community Schools to King, you'll get that same lively response from the 26-year Romulus resident and longtime member of the Board of Education.

"I feel that the School Board is one part of a 'team effort,'" said King, "with the Administration and the citizens of Romulus completing the Team. It's through the combined efforts of all of us who are involved that our schools have become one of the leaders in education. The citizens really backus; without them, we wouldn't be where we are now."

King was elected to the Romulus Board of Education in 1982. Now, a dozen years later, King remains on the Board, having been reelected in 1986 and 1990, and will seek reelection to a fourth term this year.

Asked to detail her years on the Board so far, King began, "When I first ran, it was because I felt that – after being a volunteer parent at Cory (Elementary School) – I had a lot of insight to offer the community. I wanted a stronger voice in order to gain things necessary for our District's young adults."

Speaking to Board achievements of which she is most proud, King said, "First of all, let me say that, today, all the Board members are compatible. We have our differences, naturally; but, when it comes to working for our young adults, we all pull together."

After mentioning that she has been part of the District's policy committee – composed of three Board members and three Romulus residents – since its inception in 1982, King continued, "Something else that I'm pleased about is that, since 1988, I've been a member of the Wayne Country Association of School Boards (made up of 15 districts) and served as its treasurer for the last five years.

"And," added King, "I am especially proud of the fact that, in 1993, I became a certified Board member through the Michigan Association of School Boards."

King then went on to note a number of the District's accomplishments in which



she—along with the Schools' administration and her fellow Board members—has played a part. First mentioned was the installation of new computer technology into every school in the District. Since the 1991 beginnings of this advanced system, she said, the Schools have had in excess of 800 visitors—some of whom have come from places as far away as New Zealand—who wished to learn more about the technical innovations.

Other achievements mentioned included a better rapport between the Board and the teachers; gaining entry into the MEGA Conference athletic league; the recent remodeling of all District schools; and the stability of the Schools' administration. In speaking to this point, King noted that Romulus' superintendent of schools, Dr. William Bedell, has been with the District for 14 years, thereby making him Wayne County's numbertwo superintendent in the category of longevity.

When asked to name other organizations of which she is a member, King replied, "I'm proud to be a member of, and advisor to, Project SERVE, a group whose activities are similar to those of Big Brother/Big Sister.

"Basically," she added, "It's young adults doing services for other young adults on a volunteer basis. For example, if there's a student in one of our elementary schools who's having any type of difficulty, one of our high school's young adults will become a big sister or brother for that youngster. We've found that the Program is good for the High Schoolers as well as for the elementary students."

King also mentioned that, beginning

in 1981, she served as president of the St. Aloysius credit union for 10 years; further, she spent 12 years as a Girl Scout leader and two years as a Boy Scout den mother.

When queried as to what type of community service she would have chosen to pursue had she not become a School Board member, King said, "I'd still be involved with the Schools or, failing that, anything that had something to do with our younger students or our young adults in high school.

"I'd have to do something," she concluded, "because I feel that you can't live in a community and do nothing but take from it. You must give something back, as well."

And what goals would Board member King like to see the District pursue? First, she said, she hopes that, in the future, more students will continue their education by going to college.

"Additionally," she stated, "we've got to work on lowering our dropout rate considerably. We offer the best education that young adults can receive, but it's up to them to stay in school in order to make use of that opportunity."

King also would like to see improvement in the District's performance on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test. Although she personally feels that MEAP scores are not a good criterion by which to judge students, they are, nonetheless, a reality forced upon the schools by the State, she said. Since a student's MEAP score will determine whether or not he/she receives a State-certified diploma, Romu-

lus is now integrating instruction programs geared toward MEAP performance into the schools' curricula.

The final goal listed by the School Board member was that of finding better methods for educating gifted and talented students.

In September 1993, King retired from her employment at Romulus' Villa Townhouses, located on Eureka Road. Hiring in as a secretary/rental agent in 1987, King was responsible for placing people into available housing, as well as typing and, as she put it, "being a girl-Friday."

King also was once employed as a computer programmer for the Burroughs Corporation – a 15-year stint which began in 1952 and ended in 1967 with the birth of her second child.

Mary's husband of 40 years, Charles "Al" King, recently retired from Sears, where he had worked for 32 years as an automotive mechanic. After stating that Al has been very supportive of her involvement with the School Board, King smiled and added that she wouldn't know what to do without him.

The couple has four children, ranging in age from 22 to 29.

The eldest, Leah, lives in Romulus and works for a beeper/cellular-phone company. Leah has two children: Cali, her seven-year-old daughter, and son Jeremy, who's five.

Daughter Lori also resides in Romulus, and works in the home tending to her five-year-old son Christopher.

Son Albert, an employee of Ann Arbor's Culligan water company, lives in Pinckney, Michigan.

Mary Jr., the youngest of the four, works at Belleville's Meijer store and makes her home in Romulus, as well.

When not involved with School Board issues, King likes to – what else? – bowl. Presently, she bowls in both a weekly and a biweekly league; husband Al participates in the biweekly league as well.

Besides bowling together, the Kings also enjoy camping on their parcel of land in the northern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

When queried as to why she enjoys being a member of the Romulus Board of Education, King said, "Mostly, it's because I feel that I have something to offer to the children and young adults of Romulus. Even through the rough times, I've enjoyed being a part of the decisions that affect the education of our students. It has truly been a privilege to serve the community."

And it is, no doubt, because the members of the Romulus community have sensed King's strong commitment to our children, that they have continued to support her as a member of our school board.



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March 11, 1994

From the desk of Robert W. Powitz, Ph.D., M.P.H., CHMM

Transportation of hazardous waste is, and always will be, the sticking point in operating chemical waste disposal facilities. The vision of a forty-eight wheeler careening into a school yard filled with children and bursting into a huge fireball is what Hollywood movies are made of. Fortunately, this is far from the real story about the waste chemical transport industry.

The transportation of hazardous materials, whether new chemicals, fuels, fertilizers, paints, or hazardous waste, is safe and well regulated. In fact, a hauler of hazardous waste is better trained, more comprehensively tested for his or her knowledge of safety and emergency situations, and carries greater liability insurance than a hauler of new chemicals or pesticides. Licensed transport companies also ensure that their drivers are alcohol- and drug-free.

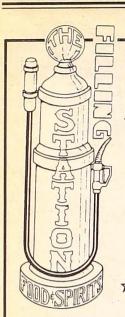
The trucks that haul the chemical waste must meet rigid licensing and safety standards that include a thorough safety inspection every time they go out on the road. The paperwork (manifests) on their cargoes is prepared to exacting regulations and is available at all times for emergency response and enforcement personnel. The transporter must have a spill remediation plan, including a contract with a firm that specializes in environmental remediation. In addition, the transport companies are heavily insured to cover any contingency. The U.S. Senate has recently introduced two additional bills (that are virtually assured of passing) to further reduce the risk of unintentional injury from hauling these materials.

We've come a long way from the days of the "midnight dumper." The hazardous waste transport industry is proud of its safety and compliance record. In fact, this industry is probably the safest of any commodity hauler. To bring this close to home, the safety requirements for hauling hazardous chemical wastes far exceed those for transporting our children to school!

Early in the planning stages, we were asked to perform a risk analysis on the EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems) site plan for the movement and transfer of the liquid waste materials as well as evaluate the transport route to the EDS site from the major highways. These efforts resulted in a transporter safety plan that includes route designation and scheduling their arrival times to avoid school busses and commuter traffic. Call or visit the EDS office if you have any questions or if you would like to look at the site plan with its many safety features.

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Note: This is the second of several articles which Environmental Disposal Systems has asked Dr. Powitz to write on the subjects of risk and health. Robert W. Powitz received his Ph.D. and Masters in Environmental Health from the University of Minnesota in 1978. Dr. Powitz has a strong professional affiliation with S.E. Michigan. He was the Director of Environmental Health at Wayne State University for over 12 years and Professor in the Graduate Hazardous Waste Management program. Dr. Powitz also served as the Wayne County representative on the Michigan Act 64 - Facilities Site Review Board. Dr. Powitz is a Michigan Licensed Sanitarian and a Certified Hazardous Waste Manager at the Masters Level. He has published widely on hazardous waste management and training issues.



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Dolores Witzgall (942-0002)

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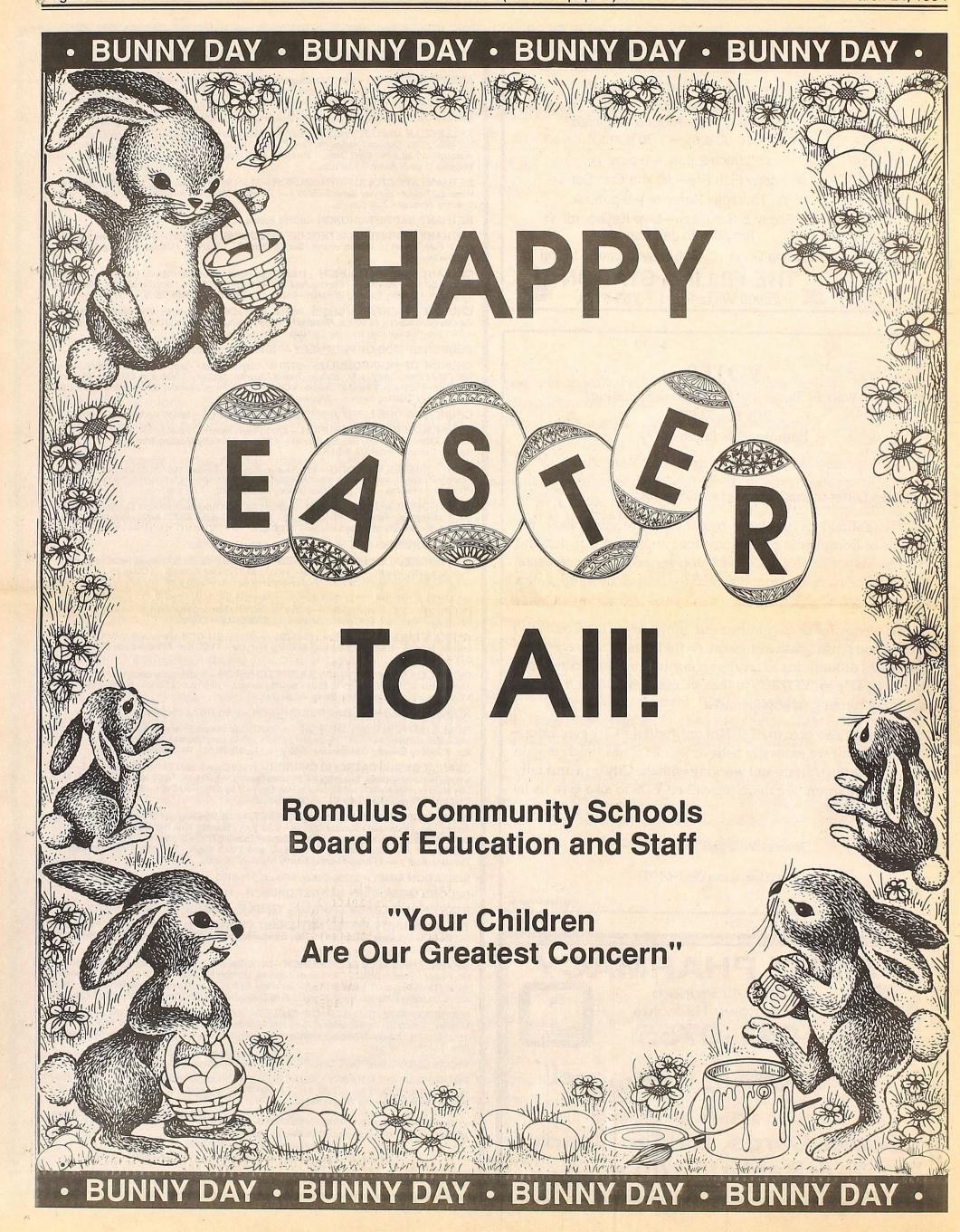
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#### **Community Calendar**

- Flyers Night at the Movies Six children's features will be shown at the Romulus Flyers-sponsored Flyers Night at the Movies, to be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at Romulus High School. Donation is \$1 per child. Refreshments will be served, and a raffle will be held at intermission.
- "650 Lifer Law" Meetings Michigan's Senate Judiciary Committee has decided to hold three public hearings to discuss legislation pertaining to mandatory minimums and the "650 Lifer Law." The purpose of the meetings is to take public testimony and gather information. Meetings are set for: Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at the City of Wayne Community Center (4635 Howe); and Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo (specific location has not been announced). A third meeting will be held in Lansing sometime in late April or early May. For information, call Senator William Faust's office: (517) 373-7350.
- Preschool Story Time at the Library The Romulus Public Library, presently located in the gym of the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School (39000 Superior, Romulus), has begun its six-week Preschool Story Time program for children between the ages of three and five who are not yet in kindergarten. Parents can choose either Tuesday evening sessions, held at 7 p.m., or Thursday morning sessions, held at 10:30 a.m. The program will end the week of April 15. Call 941-7369 to reserve space for your child.
- In Celebration of the Art of the One-act Play The Huron Civic Theatre will present an evening of four one-act plays entitled One Act at a Time at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) on Saturday, March 26, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m. The Theatre's trio of talented directors Jim Rollet, Belinda Sidebottom, and Amy Armstrong have chosen very diverse pieces to create an evening of entertainment that should please everyone's tastes. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for students/senior citizens. For more information, call 782-5380.
- Project Health-O-Rama Anna polis Hospital and Project Health-O-Rama are teaming up once again to provide health screenings, tests, and counseling services to detect health problems early. Free health screenings at the event to be held at Westland Mall (corner of Wayne and Warren roads) through Friday, March 25 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily) will include a blood-pressure check, height/weight measurement, hearing test, glaucoma screening, and breathing test (pulmonary function evaluation), as well as nutrition and medication counseling. Other tests will include a \$4 colorectal cancer screening kit; a \$15 blood panel test (requires a four-hour fast, but please continue to take any medication); and a \$25 prostate specific antigen (a blood test). All tests are performed by health professionals. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. Call 467-4134 for more information.
- VOTES Meeting VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending), an organization of Romulus residents dedicated to enhancing the value of our tax dollar by holding City government officials accountable for spending, will be holding its next meeting soon. Items to be discussed will include the possibility of gambling coming to Romulus; the City budget, especially the General Fund; a number of lawsuits in which the City is currently involved, including the suit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.; other environmental issues, such as above-ground dump sites; future opportunities for business; and real estate values. Everyone is invited. For further information, please call Dolores Witzgall, chairperson (942-0002), or Janice Coulson, secretary (941-6101).

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

#### **News from the Romulus Tower**

Happy Birthday – Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors who were born in March: Eleanor Brzezicki, Theresa Chadwick, Robbie Hughes, Edward James, Mary Jaskolski, Judith Lorenc, Joan Scibilia, Theresa Sementkowski, Elizabeth Smith, James Swanigan, Ruth Ulrich, Bernice Usher, and Marie Wilkerson.

#### News from the Romulus Senior Center

Closed for Good Friday – The Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Friday, April 1, in observance of Good Friday.

Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has just begun offering a new service to Romulus senior citizens who have no other means of transportation available to them. For a fee of \$1, they can make an appointment to be taken anywhere within the City limits on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Center's Barbara Schultz advises anyone interested in using the service to call ahead as far as possible to ensure that desired appointment times will be open.

Free Health Screening – Friday, March 25, is the date set for the next free health screening (donations accepted) to be held at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no appointment is necessary). Tests performed will include a blood-pressure check, blood/urine lab work, a blood-sugar test, a cholesterol check, a TB skin test, and glaucoma and hearing checks.

Free Income-tax Service – A Senior Centerprogram, targeted toward those Romulus seniors who have a yearly income of \$20,000 or less, provides free assistance with all forms pertaining to Federal and State income tax. Appointments are still available for the next three Wednesdays – March 30, April 6, and April 13. You must call (942-6852) in advance to reserve a time slot. Participants will be provided with a list which enumerates all the necessary information that you will be required to bring to your appointment.

Medicare Workshop — The Information Center and the Romulus Senior Center are sponsoring a free workshop, called "Making Medicare Work for You," to be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. No preregistration is required.

Senior-citizen Walking Club – If you're a senior citizen (age 50 and oyer), who would like to begin a regular walking

program, now is the time to start! The Romulus Senior Center's van takes interested seniors to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a session of indoor walking at your own pace. As an added incentive, walkers who complete 25 miles will be treated to a free lunch! There's no sign-up; just show up – ready to walk! For information, call Marilyn Masters or Barbara Schultz at the Senior Center (942-6852).

Senior Van Shopping—For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's Senior Van on Friday, April 8, for a day of shopping at Southland Mall. Sign up at the Center if you're interested. (Note: Trips, limited to 14 passengers, are open on a first-come, first-served basis. You must pay your transportation fee at the time of sign-up to reserve your seat.)

Special Trips – Seniors interested in more information about these or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Masters: 942-6852.

- Frankenmuth—Aspecial performance by Myron Floren, accordionist on The Lawrence Welk Showfor many years, will highlight this trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan. The \$46 cost of the oneday excursion, scheduled for May 2, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, the "(Second Annual) Maifest with Myron Floren" show, and a chicken luncheon at Frankenmuth's famous Bavarian Inn.
- Las Vegas Adventure Spend a spectacular five days/four nights at the fabulous Imperial Palace when Romulus seniors travel to glitzy Las Vegas. The cost of the trip, which departs May 23, is only \$345 per person (based on double-occupancy rates), and includes nonstop round-trip airfare between Detroit and Las Vegas and four nights' lodging at the Imperial Palace.

Weekly Programs at the Center—Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch – For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation.

For more information on getting home-delivered meals for senjors, please call 1-800-851-1454.)

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#### **REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 1994**

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, February 28, 1994, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Hoffman absent (arrived at 7:57 P.M.). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

#### Approval of Agenda:

2/94/12 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson to approve the agenda as amended to add, "Washington, D.C. Field Trip – Merriman Elementary School". Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

2/94/13 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King to approve the minutes of February 14, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mrs. Judy Gondek brought to the Board's attention, a leak that has occurred in the hallway toward the media center at the Romulus Senior High School.

Mr. Richard Kruse presented an overview of the Middle School's solo and ensemble achievements.

Ms. Becky Testa distributed plates from the presentation with SADD. She asked for approval to present to the Middle School. The Board will review the video tape and respond to her request at the meeting of March 14, 1994.

Ms. Sandy Schwartz also addressed the Board on the SADD presentation. A spaghetti dinner will be held on March 1, 1994 with all proceeds to benefit the SADD Program.

Report of the Superintendent:

#### Personnel Actions

2/94/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by King to acknowledge the retirement of Helen M. Perkowski effective February 28, 1994 and passed a Resolution of Commendation. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Addendum - Washington, D.C. Field Trip - Merriman

2/94/15 Moved by Patterson supported by King to authorize sixth grades at Merriman Elementary School to take a one (1) day trip to Washington, D.C. on April 19, 1994. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

2/94/16 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson to approve the Bills for Payment as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### High School NAFTA Project - Video

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, showed a video that the Senior High School students prepared on the NAFTA Project and extended invitations for all to attend the Project at the Senior High School on March 14, 1994.

#### Finance Report

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, discussed the report and our financial projection for 1993–94 and responded to questions raised by members of the Board of Education.

Member Hoffman arrived at 7:57 P.M.

The Board of Education recessed at 8:00 P.M. so that the photographer for the Senior High Yearbook could take their pictures.

#### Resolution on Proposal A

2/94/17 Moved by Langley supported by Wilkerson that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt a Resolution to oppose Proposition A on the March 15, 1994 Statewide election because it is not in the best interest of the District or the majority of its residents. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2 (Hoffman and Patterson). Motion passed. Discussion of T.I.F.A.

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the implications of the existing T.I.F.A.'s as it relates to the financial condition of the School District.

#### M.A.S.B. Meeting - March 2, 1994

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, attached information concerning the Annual Legislative Committee in Lansing. Members King and Langley stated that they would like to accompany Dr. Bedell and Mr. Carr.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn expressed concern over the flag presentation at the Martin Luther King event.

Mrs. Mary M. King discussed the impact on the Romulus School District if Proposal A

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley discussed meeting with our attorneys in an effort to update our existing policies.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following Items of Interest were presented to the Board of Education:

Memo from Simons on AIDS; Dolan memo – praise to Central Distributors; "Thanks" from Mt. Vernon Schools; and Dolan memos of praise to: Schwartz, Bowman, Clark, and Schraner.

#### Executive Session - Negotiations

2/94/18 Moved by Berlinn supported by King to convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:02 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:16 P.M.

#### Adjournment:

2/94/19 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson that the Board Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra F. Langley, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

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